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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 18, 2021

To: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Riley Peck, Once-In-a-Lifetime Species Coordinator

Subject: **Overview of 2021 big game and antlerless permit recommendations**

The attached tables summarize the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' recommended permit allocations for the 2021 once-in-a-lifetime hunts. We've made these recommendations after evaluating 2020 harvest information and conducting post-hunt assessments of herd composition.

The number of permits we're proposing for 2021 will help us achieve or maintain the objectives detailed in Utah's big game management plans for harvest size, animal quality and hunting opportunity. For specific information about how individual big game species are managed, please refer to <https://wildlife.utah.gov/> and use the search field to find the statewide management plan for the species of interest.

Below is a summary of the **2021 once-in-a-lifetime species permit recommendations**:

- 1) We recommend adding 5 bull moose permits, increasing from 107 permits to 112 permits.
- 2) We recommend adding 50 bison permits from 97 permits to 147 permits.
- 3) We recommend adding 2 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permits, increasing from 65 permits to 67 permits.
- 4) We recommend adding 3 desert bighorn sheep permits, increasing from 78 permits to 81 permits.
- 5) We recommend reducing 2 mountain goat permits from 122 permits to 120 permits.

